

Relaunching of air-taxi service by Modiluft

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have received a proposal from Modiluft to relaunch air-taxi services under the name of Royal Airways Ltd.;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Modiluft is yet to clear the earlier dues of Government on account of parking of aircrafts, fuel charges, etc.; and

(d) if so, the reasons for considering the proposal of Modiluft with new nomenclature of Royal Airways Ltd.?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) On 28th February, 2000, approval for NOC was given to M/s. Modiluft Ltd. for operating domestic scheduled air transport services subject to certain conditions which, *inter-alia*, stipulated settlement of outstanding dues of Airports Authority of India, Customs and Oil companies. M/s. Modiluft has proposed that while its name will continue to be as Modiluft Ltd., it may be permitted to use the brand identity of the company as Royal Airways which would not affect the execution of its liabilities nor change the status of the company.

(c) Yes, Sir. As per the information received in the Ministry of Civil Aviation, the company in question has so far settled the dues of Airports Authority of India.

(d) The proposal of M/s. Modiluft is to change its brand identity name as Royal Airways and not for change in its name to M/s. Royal Airways Ltd.